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SUBJ: POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTION IN REFTEL, I DELIVERED TEXTS OF DEPT'S AND SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS ON POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY A.N. FORDE THIS MORNING (JAN 31). I ALSO REPEATED MAIN POINTS OF BOTH STATEMENTS VERBALLY AND ASKED THAT STATEMENTS BE BROUGHT TO MINISTER MOE'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CHATTY, FORDE STATED HE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE THIS SETBACK TO DIALOGUE HAD OCCURRED, SINCE "THINGS SEEMED TO BE GOING SO WELL." HE HASTENED TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE GOB UNDERSTOOD CONDITIONS SET BY LATIN AMERICANS INCOMPATIBLE WITH US CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, IT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO LATIN AMERICAN POSITION, SINCE TRADE ACT CLEARLY WAS DISCRIMINATORY. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DIALOGUE WOULD CONTINUE AND NOTED THAT, IN THIS CONNECTION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MFM CANCELLATION TO DATE, NOR HAVE WE HEARD ANY COMMENT FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OTHER THAN FORDE OR FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS ON POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING. ADVOCATE-NEWS EDITORIAL OF JAN 27 ENTITLED "NEW PRESSURES THREAT TO OAS" DID MENTION INITIAL GOV/GOE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND MFM AND OTHER EVENTS (PROPOSED LA ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION EXCLUDING US, DIFFERENCE OVER OAS CUBA SANCTIONS) AS SIGNS OF STRAIN WITHIN OAS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT BEST EFFORTS OF US WOULD BE NEEDED TO CONTINUE HEMISPHERE RELATIONSHIPS IN PRESENT FORM.

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